

**House File 2050 - Introduced**

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BY MAY

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to testing requirements for applicants for  
2 teacher licensure or endorsement.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 272.2, Code Supplement 2009, is amended  
2 by adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 19. Adopt rules that require any applicant  
4 for a teacher license or for renewal of a teacher license  
5 to take the praxis II principles of learning and teaching  
6 test for the appropriate grade level and a praxis II teaching  
7 foundations test in the appropriate subject area. If the  
8 applicant is applying for an Iowa endorsement, the board shall  
9 require the applicant to take a praxis II subject assessment  
10 for each endorsement the applicant seeks. However, the rules  
11 shall provide that the applicant is exempt from the testing  
12 requirements of this subsection if the applicant provides  
13 the board with evidence that the applicant has taken the  
14 appropriate praxis II tests and the applicant's scores on the  
15 tests meet or exceed the qualifying scores approved by the  
16 board.

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EXPLANATION

18 This bill requires the board of educational examiners to  
19 adopt rules requiring that a person who applies to the board  
20 of educational examiners for a teacher license, renewal of a  
21 teacher license, or for an endorsement to teach in a specific  
22 subject area, must take a praxis II principles of learning and  
23 teaching test and a praxis II teaching foundations test, as  
24 well as a subject assessment for each endorsement the applicant  
25 seeks, unless the applicant provides the board with evidence  
26 that the applicant has taken the appropriate praxis II tests  
27 and the applicant's scores on the tests meet or exceed the  
28 qualifying scores approved by the board.

29 The praxis II principles of learning and teaching test  
30 measures general pedagogical knowledge. The teaching  
31 foundations test measures pedagogy. The subject assessment  
32 measures general and subject-specific teaching skills and  
33 knowledge.